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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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**Re: Verizon's Petition for Waiver of the Set-Top Box Integration Ban, 47 C.F.R. Section 76.1204(a)(1) filed July 10, 2006; CSR-7042-Z; Implementation of Section 304 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 - Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices, CS Docket No. 97-80**

**Exclusive Service Contracts for Provision of Video Services in Multiple Dwelling Units and Other Real Estate Developments, MB Docket No. 07-51**

**Implementation of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992- Development of Competition and Diversity in Video Programming Distribution: Section 628(c)(5) of the Communications Act Licensees and their Affiliates; and Sunset of Exclusive Contract Prohibition, MB 07-29**

**Annual Assessment of the Status of Competition in Market for the Delivery of Video Programming, MB Docket No. 06-189**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 16, 2007, Leora Hochstein, Ed Shakin and I met with Monica Desai, Chief of the Media Bureau, Rosemary Harold, Deputy Chief, Elizabeth Andrion, Deputy Chief and Thomas Horan, Chief of Staff, to discuss a number of video-related issues.

Specifically, we restated our position as set forth in our set-top box integration ban waiver proceeding and explained that Verizon's FiOS TV offering is essentially an all-digital network. We also stated that Verizon considers the recently released Notice of Proposed Rulemaking addressing the subject of exclusive contracts between incumbent cable providers and multiple dwelling units to be of major importance since exclusive access agreements are a barrier for the new video entrant. We expressed our support for extension of the ban on exclusive programming contracts, consistent with our comments in the above-referenced program access proceeding. Finally, we urged the Commission to approve our set-top integration ban waiver in a timely fashion.

Marlene F. Dortch

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If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dee May". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

cc: Monica Desai  
Rosemary Harold  
Elizabeth Andrion  
Thomas Horan